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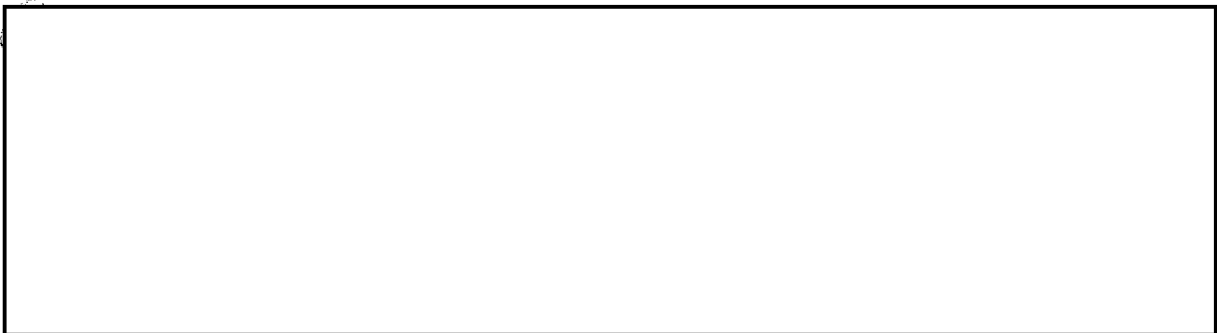
① THE WEEK IN PERSPECTIVE

② VIETNAM

In the first week of the Paris talks, Hanoi's representatives moved quickly to focus attention on the question of a cessation of US bombing and all other acts of war. In the South, the Communists' second "general offensive" tapered off, but the Viet Cong attacked several remote allied outposts. South Vietnam is expected soon to have a new premier--Tran Van Huong.

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③ DISORDERS NOT ENDED BY CHINA'S NEW PROVINCIAL REGIMES
Clashes between "revolutionary" factions and unruly demonstrations continue to be widely reported even in provinces that have already established "revolutionary committees." In general, however, fighting is heaviest in the six provinces where these new bodies have not yet been set up.



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④ JAPAN'S RULING PARTY REASSESSING ASIAN POLICY

The faction-ridden Liberal Democratic Party is trying to find a formula for Japan's "post-Vietnam" policy toward Asia that could provide at least a facade of unity for the election campaign opening next month.

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- (6) COMMUNIST DRIVE IN NORTH LAOS TEMPORARILY STALLED 10
The enemy is continuing its build-up around Na Khang, however, and a full-scale assault might yet occur before the dry season ends in a week or two. In Vientiane, meanwhile, Prime Minister Souvanna apparently is trying to re-establish his credentials as a neutralist. OK

Europe

- (7) THE WEEK IN PERSPECTIVE 11 X
(8) SOVIET UNION THREATENS TO INTERVENE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA 12
Moscow placed Czechoslovakia under the threat of military intervention last week, evidently fearing that Dubcek was not going to be able to control liberal extremists in Prague. OK

- (9) STUDENT-LABOR DEMONSTRATIONS TEST FRENCH GOVERNMENT 15
The massive disturbances on 13 May have assumed major political significance, and could lead to a reshuffling of the cabinet in an attempt to placate the opposition. OK

- (10) FRANCO-SOVIET MILITARY COOPERATION PLODS ALONG 16 X
The bilateral military exchanges, now in their third year, so far are of marginal value to the French though probably of slightly greater worth to the Soviets.

Middle East - Africa

- (11) THE WEEK IN PERSPECTIVE 17 X

- (12) PORTUGUESE AFRICA ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTORS 19
Despite the continuing insurgency in Angola and Mozambique, the mineral resources of these Portuguese territories are attracting foreign interest and several large-scale investments have already been made. OK

- (13) SUDANESE ELECTIONS GUARANTEE RADICAL GOVERNMENT 20
The elections concluded in Khartoum last week give leftward-oriented forces an easy majority in the new Constituent Assembly; moderate leader Sadiq al-Mahdi garnered fewer than 40 seats in the 218-man assembly. OK
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(14) WARM WORDS THAW SAUDI-IRANIAN RELATIONS
Conciliatory public statements by King Faysal and the Shah may end the impasse in Saudi-Iranian relations, but last-minute problems could block a re-scheduling of the Shah's visit to Saudi Arabia.

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(15) SOUTHERN YEMEN ARMY CONSOLIDATES ITS POSITION
The army is wrapping up the radical fringe of the ruling National Liberation Front, but has made no move against the regime itself. Meanwhile, the government has suspended aid talks with the British and is desperately seeking aid from other sources.

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Western Hemisphere

(16) THE WEEK IN PERSPECTIVE

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(17) PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT RIGGING ELECTION RESULTS
The outcome of last Sunday's voting has still not been announced officially, but both candidates are claiming victory in the turbulent aftermath of an election marred by widespread fraud and intimidation.

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(18) CONFRONTATION BUILDING IN ARGENTINA
Relations between President Ongania and army commander in chief Alsogaray have deteriorated and an eventual confrontation between them appears to be building.

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(19) PRESIDENTIAL RACE BROADENS IN ECUADOR
In the campaign leading up to presidential elections on 2 June, steady gains by center-left candidate Andres Cordoba have put him into the forefront, along with demagogic Jose Maria Velasco and conservative Camilo Roca.

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(20) BERMUDAN ELECTIONS CHALLENGE TRADITIONAL WHITE RULE
Bermuda's general elections on 22 May, the first since suffrage was extended to all citizens over 21, offer the Negro majority an opportunity for a greater voice in the 40-member National Assembly.

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